

Mid-State Amateur Radio Club

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The Spark Gap

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REPORT FROM THE NOVICE CLASS

The spring Novice class finished their testing on March 23rd and the class of 22 created 13 prospective hams! Actually six passed the Novice test and seven passed element 2 with intentions to complete their No-code licences in the near future.

Ted Blanford	Novice	Indianapolis
Jerry Brethauer	Novice	Indianapolis
Lawrence Clingman	Novice	N. Whiteland
Meredith Osborne	Novice	Nineveh
Dennis Parton	Novice	Franklin
Ralph Talbott	Novice	Indianapolis
Rebe Benson	Element 2	Indianapolis
Darryl Floyd	Element 2	Franklin
Vernie Parton	Element 2	Whiteland
Tom Scott	Element 2	Indianapolis
Carolyn Taylor	Element 2	Greenwood
Ron Taylor	Element 2	Greenwood
Vernon Gill	Element 2	Franklin

Dennis Parton is now KB9HPQ and has passed his tech exam!

The Spark-Gap

One year ago ...

The club took a tour through channel 8 and Fiber Optics as arranged by NT9J and KB9BGS. This was to take the place of a regular meeting. Several favorable comments on the occasion were made. The Novice class was preparing for testing. New members to the club were: Bob DeSpain WB5VZT, Bill Maughmer WB9GOX, and David Hall KB9EK1.



BALLOON LAUNCH SPARKS

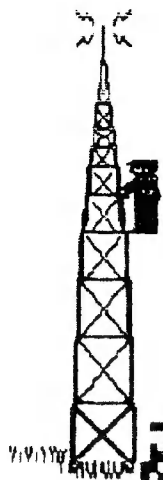
CLUB INTEREST

The balloon launch at Franklin High School the morning of our last club meeting drew several members to the early event. Interest in the activity continued into the next day as reports from the recovery team came in.

Bernie, KB9AWS, reported on our Sunday net that his group of Fox hunters were surprised at the distance covered by the package. He ended up at a farmers house in the eastern section of Kentucky where the payload was perched in the top of a very tall tree on a high ridge! The tree could not be climbed so the only alternative was to cut it down! Don't you wish you could have been there when he asked, "Can I borrow your chainsaw to cut down your tree?" Bernie is a good soul and probably volunteered to cut it into firewood for the farmer!

LOCAL VE TESTING RESUMES

The local VE Test Team will resume testing after our next meeting on April 18th. Testing in Franklin will continue each third saturday through October. The April testing is generally our largest session and we could possibly have a good turnout on Saturday. So, if you are ready, try for an upgrade!



Tower Workers Needed!

Helpers will be needed for spring maintainance on the tower!

If you can help clean up the shack, paint on the tower, help tighten the guy-wires, or just be a go-fer let WB9YIG know!

GET TOGETHER FOR HAMS

In a development related to ham-radio-listening and this month's "Trains Turntable", Bill Farmer reports that a group of railfan hams in Northern California has started a regular Wednesday evening session, beginning at 8 p.m., to talk about railroading. They use a repeater on Mount Diablo, east of Oakland, which covers most of the San Francisco Bay area and reaches into the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys. Rob Calson (KC6TFG) acts as moderator.

Fans are invited to listen in by tuning their scanners to 145.33 MHz. And interested hams are invited to join in the discussion. It is hoped to eventually expand the linkup statewide. From TRAINS magazine May 1992. Dave Ingles, editor. N9MKR

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Since our March newsletter we have added seven new members to the club: Ivan Sachs of Indianapolis is retired and working on his first ham license. Dennis Parton KB9HPQ was in our novice class and

upgraded to Tech April 4th. Dennis is a driver for Cellofoam Inc., and enjoys flying and skiing. He lives near Whiteland. Meredith Osborne passed his novice test with the recent class and lives in the Nineveh area. Ron Gaertner WB9NVM joined at the last club meeting. He is regional Mgr. of Tech training with Amtrak. Ron is also active with N9MKR in model railroading. Jabran Soubeih N9KZA lives in Greenwood and is presently a student. Steve Benson N9NZI, is a Cutter Grinder for Allison Gas Turbin and lives in Indianapolis. Steve came to most of our novice classes to support his wife Reba who passed Element 2 on her way to NC Tech. And finally Tom Scott of Indianapolis joined from this years class. We want to welcome all of these new members to the club and hope to show them our Club hospitality!



THE SWAP SWAMP

BUY-SELL OR SWAP

Wanted: Mike (6pin) for Kenwood TR 7739
Call Dennis, KB9HPQ at 535-5867
For Sale: Yaesu FT 23 R 2 mtr. HT with Leather case, 5 watt pack, charger, with PL encoder and Decoder. \$ 240 Call Larry, N9MKR at 862-2712

Saturday Agenda:

7:00 Breakfast at Franklin House US 31
8:00 Meeting at E. O. C
Program: Chuck Crist WB9IHS
9:30 VE Testing.

Come to the meeting this saturday and hear Chuck Crist, WB9IHS tell us about the recent balloon launch from Franklin H. S. Jack NT9J says he also has some video.

We are all going to the meeting this Saturday! Are you?

